Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A colonic delivery solid preparation containing chitosan powder, which is produced by coating a medicament-containing solid material successively with (1) a water-insoluble polymer having a chitosan powder dispersed therein, and (2) an enteric polymer wherein the weight ratio of the chitosan powder to the water-insoluble polymer is in the range of about 1:10 to about 10:1.

2. (Original) A solid preparation according to claim 1, wherein the water-insoluble polymer is selected from the group consisting of ethyl cellulose, ethyl acrylate-methyl methacrylate-trimethylammoniumethyl methacrylate chloride copolymer and methyl methacrylate-ethyl acrylate copolymer.

3. (Previously presented) A solid preparation according to claim 1, wherein the enteric polymer is selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropyl methylcellulose acetate succinate, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose phthalate and methacrylic acid-ethyl acrylate copolymer.

4. (Currently amended) A solid preparation according to claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of the chitosan powder to the water-insoluble polymer is in the range of ~~about 1:10 to about 10:1~~ about 1:4 to 4:1.

5. (Previously presented) A solid preparation according to claim 1, which is in a form selected from the group consisting of a pellet, a capsule, and a tablet.

6. (Currently amended) A process for producing a colonic delivery solid preparation containing chitosan powder as set forth in claim 1, which comprises coating a medicament-containing solid material with a solution containing a water-insoluble polymer

having a chitosan powder dispersed therein, and further by coating the resultant solid material with an enteric polymer.

7. (Currently amended) A sustained release solid preparation containing chitosan powder, which is produced by coating a medicament-containing solid material with a water-insoluble polymer having a chitosan powder dispersed therein wherein the weight ratio of the chitosan powder to the water-insoluble polymer is in the range of about 1:10 to about 10:1.

8. (Original) A solid preparation according to claim 7, wherein the water-insoluble polymer is selected from the group consisting of ethyl cellulose, ethyl acrylate-methyl methacrylate-trimethylammoniumethyl methacrylate chloride copolymer and methyl methacrylate-ethyl acrylate copolymer.

9. (Currently amended) A process for producing a solid preparation containing chitosan powder as set forth in claim 7, which comprises coating a medicament-containing solid material with a solution containing a water-insoluble polymer having a chitosan powder dispersed therein.

10. (Previously presented) A solid preparation according to claim 2, wherein the enteric polymer is selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropyl methylcellulose acetate succinate, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose phthalate and methacrylic acid-ethyl acrylate copolymer.

11. (Currently amended) A solid preparation according to claim 2, wherein the weight ratio of the chitosan powder to the water-insoluble polymer is in the range of ~~about 1:10 to about 10:1~~ about 1:4 to 4:1.

12. (Currently amended) A solid preparation according to claim 3, wherein the weight ratio of the chitosan powder to the water-insoluble polymer is in the range of ~~about 1:10 to about 10:1~~ about 1:4 to 4:1.

13. (Previously presented) A solid preparation according to claim 2, which is in a form selected from the group consisting of a pellet, a capsule, and a tablet.

14. (Previously presented) A solid preparation according to claim 3, which is in a form selected from the group consisting of a pellet, a capsule, and a tablet.

15. (Previously presented) A solid preparation according to claim 4, which is in a form selected from the group consisting of a pellet, a capsule, and a tablet.

16. (Currently amended) The colonic delivery solid preparation of claim 1, wherein said colonic delivery solid preparation ~~passes through a stomach and does not release medicament in the stomach.~~ possesses the property that said preparation passes through a stomach, and the medicament therein is not released in the stomach but is released in the large intestine without lag time.

17. (Previously presented) The solid preparation of claim 7, wherein said solid preparation passes through a stomach and small intestine, and medicament is released at an accelerated rate in a large intestine relative to a rate of release in the stomach and small intestine.

18. (New) A sustained release solid preparation according to claim 7, wherein the weight ratio of the chitosan powder to the water-insoluble polymer is in the range of about 1:4 to 4:1.

19. (New) A solid preparation according to claim 7, which is in a form selected from the group consisting of a pellet, a capsule, and a tablet.

20. (New) A solid preparation according to claim 8, which is in a form selected from the group consisting of a pellet, a capsule, and a tablet.